

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK
DECEMBER 9-15, 2013

WHEREAS, Many science and engineering occupations are predicted to grow faster than the average rate for all occupations, and some of the largest increases will be in engineering and computer-related fields; and

WHEREAS, Despite the expected job growth, the supply of new workers in these fields is struggling to keep up with demand, and women remain severely underrepresented; and

WHEREAS, Although women fill close to half the jobs in the U.S economy, they hold less than 25 percent of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) jobs; and

WHEREAS, If women and members of other underrepresented groups joined the STEM workforce in proportion to their representation in the overall labor force, the STEM worker shortage would disappear; and

WHEREAS, According to *Why So Few?*, a 2010 research report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), negative stereotypes and gender bias in the school climate are barriers that continue to block women's progress in STEM; and

WHEREAS, In a world increasingly dependent on technology, computer science is crucial for every student; and

WHEREAS, **Computer Science Education Week** is observed every year in December in recognition of Rear Adm. Grace Murray Hopper's birthday; and

WHEREAS, Hopper received the AAUW Achievement Award in 1983 for her critical contributions to computer science, including co-inventing the computer language COBOL; and

WHEREAS, The goal of **Computer Science Education Week**, held December 9-15, 2013, is to call attention to the need to improve and strengthen computer science education; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Computer Science Education Week, members of AAUW and other advocates will be hosting "Hour of Code" sessions with students nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **DECEMBER 9-15, 2013**, as **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and urge the residents of New Hampshire to recognize the need for K-12 computer science education and school climates that nurture girls' participation in STEM activities.

Given this 6th day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor